

## The Center for Cultural and Ethnic Studies & The San Diego Public Library Present:

## Tearing the Socio-Economic Fabric of Society: HIV/AIDS in Asia and the Pacific

## Guest Speaker: Mr. Osama M. Rajkhan Social Affairs Officer and Human Rights Focal Point United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and Pacific

Mr. Rajkhan will discuss the stigma, ignorance and fear relating to HIV/AIDS, its transmission among the elderly, and the number of children orphaned by HIV/AIDS in the Asia and Pacific regions. He will address what the United Nations is doing to tackle the problem of the spread of HIV/AIDS. He will also address a number of public/private initiatives that are on going to combat the disease, citing some examples of good practices and experience sharing that worked in the region.

Day: Monday

**Date:** May 24, 2004

Time: 6:30 p.m.

Place: Wangenheim Room (3<sup>rd</sup> Floor)

San Diego Public Library

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The event is free and open to the public. All are welcome. For information, please contact Dr. Lorna Zukas, Director of the Center for Cultural and Ethnic Studies, National University, at <a href="mailto:lzukas@nu.edu">lzukas@nu.edu</a>, (800) 628-8648, ext. 5408 or Lynn Whitehouse, <a href="mailto:lwhitehouse@sandiego.gov">lwhitehouse@sandiego.gov</a>, (619) 236-5800.

